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Dear Josh:

Many thanks for your excellent letter. I commiserate with you in your trilemma, but this is the price you must pay for success. Regrettably, it now seems clear that your trilemma has been reduced to a dilemma. I have been afraid for some time that we would lose out to our bigger brother across the Bay, and as I mentioned in an earlier letter, I can understand why Berkeley appeals to you so strongly. I wish that it were indeed possible, in order to make Stanford more attractive to you, to import a Roger Stanier or two, but this doesn't seem to be in the cards for the time being.

I am very grateful to you for the alternative candidates you have proposed, and as we now start from scratch again I assure you that they will be given consideration. It will undoubtedly require some time - the Lord only knows how much - to make another selection, and if in the meantime you should change your mind about your choice I hope you will use the telephone. It is also not improbable that the biochemistry situation will be resolved before long.

We would gladly hold the position open for you until September 1958 once you decided on Stanford, but under the circumstances, as you will understand, we hardly dare postpone much longer some positive effort to canvas the field further.

As I interpret your itinerary, I gather that you will be in the San Francisco region April 3rd for a few days. I hope I will have a chance to see you during that time, and there is a possibility that your visit might coincide with Cliff's.

If I may keep Cavalli's reprints for the time being, I will see that they are returned to you later on.

Best wishes for a good trip, and warmest regards to you and Esther.

Sincerely,

*Victor*  
Victor Twitty